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Unemployed trained teachers

* 144 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to collect statistics of unemployed trained teachers in the State and, if so, the stage at which the matter now stands? 10-40 a.m.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir. There is no such proposal as it is considered unnecessary.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As the South India Teachers' Union had occasion to get statistics of unemployed teachers, will the Government assure us that if these applications are forwarded, they will be given priority of employment?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Now, we are employing trained teachers in all the schools wherever the trained teachers are available. We employ untrained teachers only when trained teachers are not available, and particularly with the expansion programme in respect of elementary education, I am sure all the trained teachers will be absorbed. I am sure the hon. Member is not referring to Graduate teachers.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : I am referring only to trained teachers of the lower grade, higher grade or secondary grade. Will the Government assure us that if there are unemployed trained teachers, they will just give them priority?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : They have been given priority because they are now employed in preference to untrained men.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : There are no statistics with Government with regard to those who are already out of service. Will the Government give them priority over those who come afresh from the training schools?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no question of vested interest in this. When the applications come, I am sure the best person available will be taken. Simply because a person has been thrown out of service, his history may have to be looked into as to why he was thrown out. Therefore, I cannot give the assurance that these people would be given preference.

Yogasana Centres

* 145 *Q.*—Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Yogasana Centres, if any, run by the Government;

(*b*) the number of Yogasana Institutions, if any, to which financial aid is given by the Government; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to start new Yogasana Institutions?